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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: U.S. Patent Application to be filed under 35 U.S.C. §111  
claiming priority from Federal Republic of Germany Patent  
Application No. P 103 15 116.8, filed April 3, 2003.  
INVENTOR: Tilo LECHNER and Ludger PAULS  
TITLE: A BEVERAGE BOTTLING PLANT FOR FILLING  
BOTTLES WITH A LIQUID BEVERAGE FILLING  
MATERIAL, AND APPARATUS FOR ATTACHING  
CARRYING GRIPS TO CONTAINERS WITH FILLED  
BOTTLES

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**UNDER 35 U.S.C. §111**

Sir:

**Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.**

Please find enclosed herewith the following documents relating to the above-cited case:

- (X) 1. the above-identified patent application having 46 pages and 20 claims;
- (X) 2. an unsigned Supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney document;
- (X) 3. 3 sheets of drawings; and
- (X) 4. a stamped, self-addressed postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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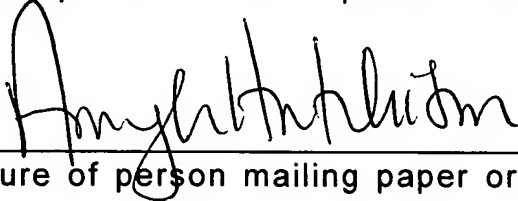
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